

Wisconsin Home for Veterans
219 Bragg Street (House)
King
Waupaca County
Wisconsin

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Location: 219 Bragg Avenue, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 219 Bragg Avenue is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a two-story front gable form built from a design by William Waters that suggests the Shingle Style of architecture (see page 9-10 of the narrative overview for additional information). It has a small rear addition. The gable roof has green asphalt shingles and green tin. There is a fieldstone foundation and an enclosed front porch. There are two gable-roofed dormers and one shed-roofed dormer projecting from the roof. The building measures 23 feet, 3 inches on the front and back walls and 50 feet, 6 inches on the side walls. A porch enclosure that wraps around the southeast corner of the house measures 16 feet, 5 inches long and 10 feet, 8 inches wide.

This cottage is covered with clapboard siding, except for the rear wall of the addition and the porch enclosure, which is covered with shiplap siding. The broad front gable and the walls of the gable-roofed dormers are covered with shingles in an imbricated pattern. In the gable peaks of the dormers, there are square shingles in a half-circle pattern. Windows are single-light double-hung sashes and have thin cornice lintels. There is a square bay on the first floor of the west wall. It has a hipped hood, two large sash windows, and thin scroll brackets. (See photographs WI-323-J-1 and WI-323-J-2)

A wood and glass entry door leads to the interior of the cottage that has been remodeled to house several single male residents. To the right of the entry is the living room, and the dining room is behind it. Behind the dining room is a kitchen and bath. At the far left of the interior are two bedrooms and a staircase to the second floor. An enclosed porch at this point leads to the basement which is one large open room with a concrete floor. The staircase has maple risers and a plain post balustrade. The upper floor is one large attic room that has been divided into three bedrooms.

The interior flooring is maple and many rooms have been carpeted. The wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges; and there are some modern doors. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings that are painted. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the bathrooms.

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History: This cottage was built around 1900 from the design by William Waters. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information in this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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